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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I agree with the hon. Member that these proposals are worth considering. But till the proposal is agreed to, no publicity is necessary. I do expect when the Government take a decision following the recommendations of the Tree Planting Committee, necessary publicity will be arranged for by the Collector.''

SRI A RATNAM :—" இந்தத் திட்டம் கலெக்டரிடமிருந்து சாக்காருக்கு எப்பொழுது வந்தது ? இதுவரையில் அது பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படாமலிருந்ததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? ஹரிஜனங்கள் வசிப்பதற்கு வீடுகள் இல்லாமல் கஷ்டப்பட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கும்போது அவர்களுக்கு புறம்போக்கு நிலங்களை ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்து கொடுக்காமல், என் புறம்போக்கு நிலங்களில் மரங்களை வைத்து நடுவதற்கு ஊக்கம் காட்டப்படுகிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இந்தக் கேள்வி மரம் வைப்பதைப்பற்றியே தவிர வீடு கட்டுவது பற்றியல்ல என்று முன்பே சொன்னேன். ஆகவே இதைப்பற்றி வேறு எதுவும் சொல்வதற்கில்லை."

Maternity assistants for minor panchayats in Malabar.

* 1566 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many minor panchayats in Malabar have applied to Government for permission to appoint midwives within their areas; and

(*b*) how many of them have been refused such permission?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Nine, Sir.

" (*b*) None Sir."

Water-supply channel from the Sathikuttimaduvu.

* 1567 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation, dated 9th February 1953, has been received from Sri M. Dharmalingam, M.L.A., requesting the Government to include the proposal of digging a water-supply channel from the Sathikuttimaduvu which is on the western side of Kadivedu village near Nagalapuram in the plan drawn up by the Planning and Development Board of Chingleput district ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No such representation has been received by the Government or by the Collector.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Filter point tube wells.

* 1568 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of filter point tube wells provided till 1954 in the State; and

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(*b*) how many of them are in Tirunelveli district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 1080.
" (*b*) None."

Strike in Madurai Mills.

* 1569 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 14th January 1955 about 1,500 workers working in Madura Mills, Madura, were forcibly ejected by the Police from the mills; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No worker was ejected by the Police from the Mills on 14th January 1955. The facts are that on 14th January 1955, more than one thousand workers staged a stay-in-strike inside the Madurai Mills, Madurai. They continued to stay inside the mills on the next day also. On the night of 15th January 1955, the Collector, and the District Superintendent of Police of Madurai, and the Deputy Inspector-General of Police with other police officers, who were present in the mills to maintain law and order apprehended serious disorder and so persuaded the workers to disperse. The persuasions proving of no use, at about 1-15 a.m. on 16th January 1955, the Collector declared them to be an unlawful assembly and commanded them under section 127, Cr.P.C., to disperse immediately. Four workers who were found instigating others to disobey the orders of the Collector were arrested. The rest dispersed peacefully and no force was used."

* 1570 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state why the Police interfered with the workers of Harvey Mills, Madurai, during January 17th, 1955 and forced the workers who were going on a stay-in-strike peacefully and threatened them to clear out from the mill?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was no stay-in-strike in the Harvey Mills (also known as Madurai Mills), Madurai, on the 17th January 1955. But there was a stay-in-strike in the Mills from 13th to 15th January 1955. The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1569 (starred) by Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A."

* 1571 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many workers working in Madura Mills, Madura, were arrested by the Police on 14th January 1955 in a labour dispute between the management and workers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No arrest was made on 14th January 1955, but four workers of the Madurai Mills were arrested on the night of 15th and 16th January 1955."